

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. The applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 5, 10-13, 18, and 20-28.

Claim 7 was rejected 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph for having insufficient antecedent basis for Y. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 5, which defines Y. The rejection is therefore now believed to be moot.

Claims 1-2, 4, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kostowski et al (Acta Poloniae Pharmaceutica, 1978). Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14-17, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Kostowski et al in view of Stanley et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,288,498).

Claim 1 and 14 have been amended to require that R⁴ and R⁵ are methyl groups. Neither of the references cited teach or suggest these limitations. Indeed, these limitations were a portion of the subject matter indicated as allowable in claim 10. Accordingly, the rejection is now believed to be moot.

Applicants believe that this application contains patentable subject matter and that the foregoing amendments provide a basis for favorable consideration and allowance of all claims; such allowance is respectfully requested. If any matter needs to be resolved before allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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